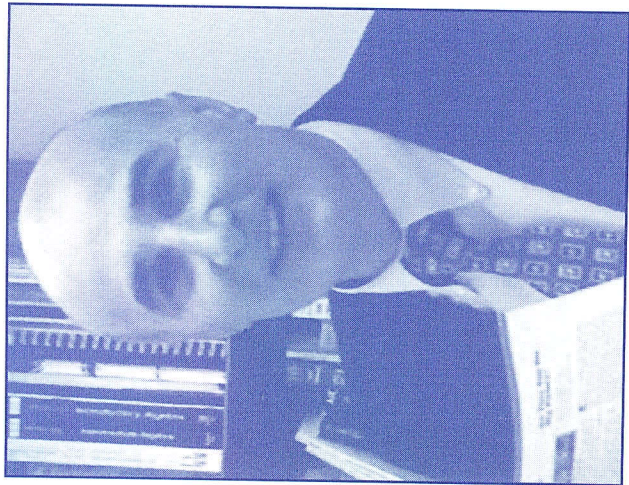


GUEST SPEAKER

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Dr. M. Vali Siadat
Math Department Chair



Dr. M. Vali Siadat is a skilled academic, with two doctorates in mathematics (one in pure mathematics and the other in mathematics education) both from the University of Illinois at Chicago, earned following the earning of his B.S. degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Siadat has been on the faculty of Richard J. Daley College since 1982.

Throughout his 18 years of teaching and service at Richard J. Daley College, Dr. Siadat has been a valued member of faculty and a dedicated member of the campus community. He does more than teaching his classes in a task he performs so brilliantly. He mentors students, performs committee work, performs research, and serves the district. He is a team player who has always shown his respect and appreciation for his colleagues, and has in turn been recognized and honored by them.

Since 1997 he has been chairman in the Department of Mathematics. During that time, the department has consolidated its curriculum, expanded its course offerings from 45 to 72, and expanded its enrollments from 1000 to nearly 2000. Beyond this, Dr. Siadat took the lead in developing an articulation agreement in mathematics between the City Colleges of Chicago and the University of Illinois at Chicago. His long, high quality of service to the department, the college and the district have made him among the most respected faculty members in the City Colleges of Chicago. As a result, earlier this year Dr. Siadat was chosen by his colleagues as the Distinguished Professor for Richard J. Daley College for 1999-2000, the highest teaching award bestowed by this institution.

Dr. Siadat's contributions go beyond this as well. For the past three years, Dr. Siadat has been the director of Chicago PREP, also known as Projecto Access-Chicago. This is an intensive mathematics-based academic summer program targeting low income and minority students in middle school and high school, funded by the National Aeronautics and Space